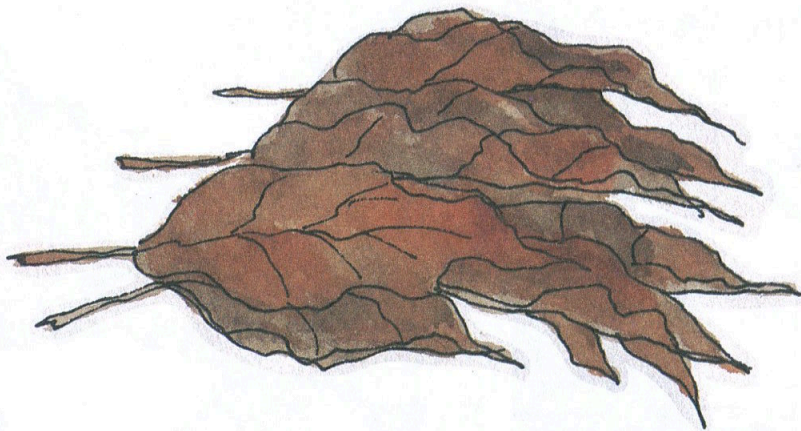


### *What kind of money did people use in Virginia?*

Sometimes the people used English money — pounds and shillings and pence. There wasn't much English money around, though.

Sometimes they used money from other countries. They used gold and silver coins from Spain and France and Portugal. There wasn't a lot of that money around, either.

Most of the time the people in Virginia used tobacco instead of money. There was plenty of tobacco in Virginia. Everyone knew they could send tobacco to England and sell it. So having tobacco was as good as having money.



You could buy a horse with tobacco. You could pay the doctor with tobacco. You could pay your taxes with it. And if you broke a law and had to pay a fine, you could pay the fine with tobacco.

If you killed a wolf around your farm, you would get fifty or one hundred pounds of tobacco as a reward.

